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Traveling Vietnam Wall Coming to KY Horse Park

On Display July 9-12

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 25, 2015) – Governor Steve Beshear will be the keynote speaker at the opening ceremony for the Traveling Vietnam Wall at the Kentucky Horse Park July 10.

“It is an honor for Kentucky to host the traveling wall, and I am honored to welcome it to the Commonwealth,” Gov. Beshear said. “Especially during this 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration, I hope that many of Kentucky’s 116,000 Vietnam veterans will get the chance to visit this tribute.”

The Traveling Wall is an 80-percent scale model of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall in Washington, D.C. It is 8 feet high and 360 feet long, and provides an electronic locator to help visitors find the names of particular service members carved in the wall.

The Traveling Wall is sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA), through a grant from the Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund and hosted at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington.

“It is an honor and a privilege to be the host site for the Traveling Vietnam Wall,” said Jamie Link, executive director of the Kentucky Horse Park. “The park provides a convenient, easily accessible location for our former servicemen and women, their families, and all Kentuckians to see and experience this moving memorial that they may otherwise not have an opportunity to visit.”

The Traveling Wall will be open to the public beginning at 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, and stay open 24 hours a day through noon on Sunday, July 12. The opening ceremony begins at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 10.

Visitors to the Traveling Wall who present DD-214s, Veteran-Designated driver’s licenses, military ID or parking passes downloaded from the [KDVA website](#) will be able to enter the Horse Park and park free of charge.

For volunteer opportunities at the Traveling Wall, please call 502-564-9203.